Task Force on Development of Airports in North Eastern Region

654, SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force set up by Government on Development of Airports in the North-East has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations by the Task Force; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Major recommendations relate to:—

(i) Development of airport infrastructure viz. construction of runways, terminal buildings, installation of modern navigational systems, etc.;

(ii) improvement in air services i.e airlinking capitals of all the North Eastern States, induction of 50 seater aircfrat; and

(iii) tax concessions and creation of Civil Aviation Development Fund to make air services economically viable.

(c) The Report has been forwarded to all concerned including State Governments, and follow-up action is being reviewed periodi cally.

Non-utilisation of funds for development projects

655. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds allocated for development projects have remained unutilised this year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to utilise them this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE .MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.